

October 8, 1903

MILTON A. HEATH

Heath Claims Another Veteran
A Groton Planter

M. A. Heath is dead!

That was the startling news which came from the late home of the deceased about six o'clock, Tuesday morning.

Very few knew that he had been sick, and the gangsters and one of his acquaintances did not know until the day of his death.

The immediate cause of death was a throat trouble, and for several days he was unable to take nourishment of any kind.

Milton A. Heath was born at Tyringham, Mass., July 13, 1841. Moved with his parents to Ohio at the age of 18, and later to Ionia, Mich. He was united in marriage to Rachel E. Miner in 1871, and with his wife and son Roy settled northeast of Groton in 1881; moved to Groton in 1883, where he followed the calling of a contractor and builder, except for two years in the nineties when he held the office of register of deeds for Brown county, and lived at Aberdeen.

He was a veteran of the civil war, having enlisted in a Michigan company in 1863, becoming chief musician of the regiment. He was a member of Leavitt Post, G. A. R. He was also a member of the Odd Fellows, Masons and A. O. U. W. lodges—holding the latter membership in a Michigan lodge. With the Odd Fellows he attained to state prominence, having held the position of Grand Patriarch of the state encampment, and represented the state organization at the sovereign grand lodge.

The funeral service, conducted by Rev. J. S. Butt, will occur from the late home at 2 o'clock this afternoon, and will be in charge of the Odd Fellows. It is expected that members will be present from neighboring lodges, and that his comrades of the G. A. R. from the several posts of the county will be present.

Wife and son both departed this life after a lingering illness, during the past two years.

He was united in marriage with Mrs. Eva Sloane, of Andover, some months ago, who survives him.

For several years prior to his death he held the position of police justice, and for the past year or two had turned his attention to insurance and real estate.

"Deacon Heath," as he was familiarly known, will be greatly missed by the old timers at home and throughout the county. Especially is this true of the various fraternal and charitable orders of which he was a member.

Peace to his ashes.